(*f*) No.

(*g*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to question No. (*r*).

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Has any attempt been made to bring these 11 wells under boring operation?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal: Have complaints reached the Government regarding the scarcity of water from areas other than Kozhinjampara?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: Of course there have been complaints.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal: So there is a general complaint regarding that. Was the scarcity of water acute only so far as the summer season is concerned?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I do not know what the hon'ble member means by general complaint. The various complaints were regarding the scarcity of water during the months of summer, especially Medam and Edavam. Such complaints cannot be called uniform complaints of water scarcity throughout.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: What is the use of these 11 wells without water?

Dr. A. R. Menon: Nobody can do anything if there is no water.?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: What we attempt is to bore and see whether water comes.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon: Was any scientific expert consulted before the wells are sunk?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: We had such expert advice also.

MILE-STONES FOR PANCHAYAT ROADS.

98. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the object of putting up mile-stones at the beginning of Panchayat roads from the P. W. D. roads ;

(*b*) what is the language written on these mile-stones ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon : (*a*) They are not mile-stones, but sort of sign-boards to denote the particular road in the Panchayat for facilitating measurement and check-measurement of road maintenance works.

(*b*) English.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Are the stones intended only for the convenience of the Officers of the Department?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Then for what else?

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: When are these sign boards put up?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: At different times in different places.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: Cannot the language on these be changed to Malayalam?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I may tell the hon'ble members that with regard to future boards, the language will be written in Malayalam. Already we have instructed the Officers to adopt that principle.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: In some of the Panchayats the language used is Malayalam. Was the language changed after representations? And if so, cannot the same be done as regards others also?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I thought over the matter. It involves a lot of cost. The writing is done in the course of the formation of the whole board. So we have actually to re-plant them if we have to make this change. That is not possible and practicable due to cost. Therefore the writing in Malayalam will be followed in the case of future boards.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: May I know the amount so far spent for putting up the sign boards?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I want notice.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty: മലയാളത്തിലുള്ള പേരുകൾ ഇംഗ്ലീഷിലാക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ആ പേരുകളുടെ സ്വഭാവംതന്നെ മാറിപ്പോകുന്ന വിവരം അനുഭവപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon: I would like to be further enlightened on that, by means of an illustration.

LIST OF OFFICERS ON POSTS CARRYING A PAY OF Rs. 300 AND ABOVE.

99. **Mr. K. R. Viswambharan**: Will the Government be pleased to print and place on the table of the House:—

(*a*) a caste-war statement of the officers of the Government who hold permanent posts carrying a pay of Rs. 300 and above per month;

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